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SUBJECT: ITALY SUPPORTS UNSCR ON REBEL GROUPS IN EASTERN DRC

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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Gabriel Escobar, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA UN Deputy Office Director Leonardo Bencini February 19 and requested Italian support for a UNSCR condemning the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR). Bencini responded to our demarche February 28, and said Italy agreed that we must add more pressure to groups such as the FDLR to compel them to join the cease-fire and disarmament plan reached recently at Goma. Bencini said that Italy supported a new resolution in principle and had no objections to the proposed UNSCR elements transmitted reftel.  
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